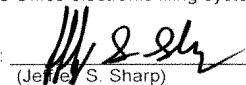


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2008 in which claims 1-6, 10, 15 and 17 stand rejected but in which claims 7-9, 11-14, 16 and 18-22 are objected to as depending from rejected claims but are indicated to be otherwise free from rejections. This response is timely filed as a petition for a two month extension of time to August 20, 2008, is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.